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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, ITU, FI, US

SUBJECT:SECOND SESSION OF ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING  
CONFERENCE; POTENTIAL INTERFERENCE TO RIAS BERLIN  
TRANSMITTER FROM PROPOSED FINNISH TRANSMITTER ON  
CHANNEL 990 KHZ.

BERLIN ALSO PASS RIAS-GERT

1. SECOND SESSION OF ITU REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING  
CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE IN GENEVA FROM OCTOBER 6 TO  
NOVEMBER 22, FOR PURPOSE OF PRODUCING A NEW LONG AND  
MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR BROADCASTING  
STATIONS IN EUROPE, AFRICA, ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA.

2. SINCE CONFERENCE DOES NOT INCLUDE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,  
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U.S. NOT PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY. USG FOREIGN BROAD-

CASTING INTERESTS IN CONFERENCE WILL BE HANDLED BY HOST COUNTRIES, BUT U.S. WILL HAVE A SMALL TEAM OF EXPERTS IN GENEVA DURING CONFERENCE PERIOD TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH SELECTED DELEGATIONS OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE. GORDON HUFFCUTT, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, STATE, WILL HEAD TEAM AND GEORGE JACOBS, CHIEF, USIA, FREQUENCY DIVISION, WILL BE A MEMBER.

3. USG HAS COMPLETED ANALYSIS OF APPENDICES 1 AND 2, ATTACHED TO IFRB CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 325, DATED JUNE 27, 1975. A COPY OF CIRCULAR HAS BEEN SENT BY ITU TO GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, HELSINKI. DATA IN ANNEX 1 TO IFRB CIRCULAR SHOWS PRESENT 10 KW FINNISH STATION AT ROVANIEMI IS COMPATIBLE WITH OPERATION OF PRESENT 300 KW RIAS STATION IN WEST BERLIN. INFORMATION IN ANNEX 2, HOWEVER, SHOWS THAT PROPOSED NEW 100 KW STATION AT LAHTI (SERIAL NUMBER 2822/01) WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS INTERFERENCE TO EXISTING RIAS STATION.

4. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE TO APPROPRIATE FINNISH TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITIES, SUGGESTING THAT SINCE STATION AT LAHTI IS APPARENTLY IN PLANNING STAGE, PERHAPS AN ALTERNATIVE TO 990 KHZ CHANNEL CAN BE FOUND, THUS AVOIDING INTERFERENCE TO EXISTING RIAS STATION. (MR. KALEVI ILMARI TERASVUO, OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, WAS HEAD OF FINNISH DELEGATION TO FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 1974.)

5. U.S. TEAM WILL CONTACT FINNISH DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN GREATER DETAIL. KISSINGER

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